

REMARKS

The examiner has indicated the allowability of claims 6, 7, 23 and 27, but has rejected the remainder of the claims.

Claims 6 and 7, previously dependent from claim 1, have been rewritten as independent claims including the limitations of claim 1, and are thus allowable.

Claim 5, previously dependent from claim 1, has been rewritten to depend from claim 6.

Independent claims 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 have been amended to include the substance of the limitations of at least one of claims 6 and 7, and are thus allowable.

Independent claims 16, 20, 21, 22, 24 and 25 have been amended to include the substance of the limitations of claim 23, and are thus allowable.

Independent claims 26, 28, 29 and 30 have been amended to include the substance of the limitations of claim 27, and are thus allowable.

Claims 1, 23 and 27 have been canceled without prejudice.

As all of the claims now include subject matter which the examiner has indicated is allowable, allowance of this application is requested.

CONCLUSION

No additional fee is believed due for this submission. However, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to debit any required fee from Deposit Account No. 501593, in the name of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP. The Commissioner is further authorized to debit any additional amount required, and to credit any overpayment to the above-noted deposit account.

It is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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